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DEATH'S CONQUEST.

I so loved once, when Death came by I hid Away my face,
And all my sweetheart's tresses she undid
To make my hiding place.

The dread shade passed me thus unheeding, and I turned me then To calm my love—kiss down her shielding hand

And comfort her again.

And, lo! she answered not, and she did sit
All fixedly,
With her fair face and the sweet smile of it,
In love with Death, not me.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

The Poetry That Pays. A poet, to have a successful sale for a book of verse, should bear in mind one potent fact-that the poetry for which there is the greatest general demand to-day is that which appeals to the heart, rather than to the mind. That is the se-cret of the greater sale of Longfellow's books over those of Walt Whitman; that is why Whittier outsells Browning, why a thousand copies of Dr. Holmes' poetical works are sold to one of Swinburne; why Will Carleton outsells Thomas Bailey Aldrich; why James Whitcomb Riley's poems sell as fast as they are put on the shelves, while those of Andrew Lang and Austin Dobson stand year after year looking at each other from the same relative position on the same shelves.

The cynical literary critic may sneer at Will Carleton, he may pick flaws in James Whitcomb Riley's verse, he may tell you that Eugene Field is only a newspaper poet, but does the public listen to the all knowing critic and buy the works of the long ago buried poets whom he chooses to call immortal? Ask the booksellers; ask the publishers. To defy the reader's easy conception of a thought in a poem may be to have your name included in the intense literary set, but it will not sell your poems.—Edward W. Bok in Ladies' Home Journal.

Curing an Iusane Patient.

A patient entered the consulting room walking backward, under the delusion that his head had got a twist round and that his face was turned the wrong way. Instead of laughing at him as I expected, the doctor entered into the case with the greatest gravity, tapping his patient's head all over, looking into his throat and ears and sympathizing with him. The patient was at once won over and placed the utmost confidence in the doctor's assurance that a complete cure would be effected in a few days, voluntarily exercising the greatest care in carrying out the medical directions. which consisted in elaborate nothings to

keep the patient occupied.

A day or two afterward the doctor met him with feigned surprise and congratulated him. "On what?" asked the patient. "Judge for yourself," replied the doctor, handing him a mirror. The man surveyed his corrugated countenance intently for a few seconds, when with the dawn of conviction there stole a grin into his stern features. Thanking the doctor, he skipped out of the room in a frenzy of delight,—London Tit-Bits.

The excuses which are resorted to by European tradesmen to make American tourists pay higher prices than any one else pays are often more curious than ins. An American who had a fine pair of boots made by a London cobbler was astonished at the price which was

"Three guineas for a pair of calf boot It is preposterous," said the American "Indeed, sir," said the cobbler, "in you'd a-knowed the calf that was in tha teather! It was a blooded hanimal, I assure you, sir, and bred on the hestate of the Duke of Bucking'am."

The customer paid the charge at once. -Youth's Companion.

A Remarkable River In Spain.

There is in Spain a river called the Tinto, which has very extraordinary qualities. Its waters, which are as yel-low as a topaz, harden the sand and petrify it in a most surprising manner. If a stone falls into the river and rests upon another, they both become perfectly united and conglutinated in a year. It withers all the plants on its banks, as well as the roots of trees, which it dyes of the same hue as its waters. No fish live to its attack. live in its stream.-New York Evening

The Suicide of a King.

The late King Louis of Bavaria saved himself from deposition by a timely death, being found drowned in the fishpond of one of his palaces. He had no doubt been insane for many years, and his crazy expenditure cost his subjects as much money that, finding the state nearly bankrupt, they resolved to dis-place him, and the knowledge of this no doubt drove him to self destruction.— St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Chance to Prove His Loye.

Suitor (to her father)—Sir, I love the very ground your daughter treads on.
Father (grimly)—Well, young man, you sin't the first party that's had an attachment for it. Howsomever, if you love it well enough to come and help pay up the mortgage on it, like Jacob did, you can marry Sarah.—Exchange.

Now that the French have distinguished themselves in building canals, some Parisian engineers propose to span the English channel with a bridge 34 miles long.

From the safety of their operation in blood letting the leech has been used for more than 2,000 years, and in many ca octors could hardly dispense with their

Clue Poy, a Chinaman who committed suicide in New York city recently, was reputed to be the first of his race to do ch an act in that city. To love is attributed the rash act.

Died in a Strange Land

During the Barnum & Bailey circus parade Saturday morning a pretty Italian girl, Celeste Chiesa, appeared on one of the floats as a Chinese woman. She was dressed in rose colored tights, and very thin clothing covered the upper part of her body. Celeste was only 15 years old. She was much pleased with her exalted position and scattered smiles all along the ronte until as the procession neared the close of its journey the chill wind began to pierce her frail form. She shivered like an aspen leaf. Returning to the Garden she complained of se vere pains in her chest, but stuck brave ly to her work and filled her part as a ballet dancer in the spectacle of "Columbus and the Discovery of America."

She grew worse as the evening work on and was taken home by Tody Ham-ilton in a hack to the humble apartments at 326 Thompson street, where she roomed with several other members of the troop. She suffered intensely dur-ing the night and died next day of pneumonia before a physician could be summoned. She came here three weeks ago on the Paris with Kiralfy's corpsof dancers. Her home was in Turin. She had no friends in this city.-New York Ad-

Forbidden to Swear by a Chicken's Head. The trial of William Walsh, charged with robbery in the first degree, was begun in the criminal court yesterday. The defendant was represented by Ben Clark. An amusing some ensued when Clark demanded that Jeu Hon Yee, a Chinese interpreter, who was present to interpret the Chinese witnesses, be sworn in the Chinese fashion, and that the same rule be pursued in regard to all the other witnesses. Judge Edmunds inquired what was the Chinese oath, and Clark replied that the head of a live chicken must be cut off in the Chinaman's presence while he uttered certain words, unintelligible to the American ear, which signified that he hoped he would be treated in the same way if he told a lie while giving his tes-timony. Humane Agent Holmes here interposed and objected to any chicken decapitation on the ground of cruelty. Judge Edmunds stated that he could think of no precedent in the law books for such a proceeding, and did not think he would countenance it. Judge Edmunds, after explaining to the Chinamen that they were liable to be sent to the penitentiary if they did not tell the truth, allowed the trial to proceed.—St. Louis Republic.

Another Authentic Portrait of Columbus. An alleged discovery at Naples of a beautiful authentic portrait by Titian of Christopher Columbus has caused a great sensation there. Our correspondent writes: The full length life size portrait was shown to me by Signor Cannavina, the antiquarian, who purchased it from Count Aldobrandi at Bologna. The whole, with the exception of the face and hands, had been coarsely painted over. This extraneous coat being removed, the figure in the uniform of a Spanish admiral was revealed.

The pose and coloring are very quiet; the face is that of a man with hair just number of other Americans will turninggray; the eyes are blue, thoughtful ably follow. and even sad; the mouth is firmly cut, and he wears a pointed, short blond beard and mustache. On the tapering fingers are three massive rings. The canvas is of a peculiar twilled kind. Signor Cannavina possesses documents which vouch for the authenticity of the picture. It is to be sent for exhibition to Chicago.— London News.

Surprised While Stealing a Ride. A man named Edward Fuller of Philadelphia tried to steal a ride on a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train from the Broad street station, intending to get off at a suburban station. Instead of getting on a local train he boarded the Cincinnati and St. Louis express, getting between the tender and baggage car. He could not jump off and was sitting on the platform when the locomotive scooped up water from the tank between the rails. As the tank in the tender filled up it overflowed and almost drowned Fuller, who to escape opened the baggage car door and entered the car. The huge volume of water poured in after him and deluged the car, destroying the contents of a number of trunks. Fuller was arrested when the train reached Harrisburg and is now in jail for malicious mischief.—Cor. Phila-

delphia Telegraph.

Effect of a Popular Song. A shining light of the variety stage has really come to play a prominent part in the social life of New York city. Some time since a vaudeville songstress named Lottie Gilson caught the fancy of the metropolis with a song entitled "Daddy Won't Buy Me a Bowwow." The tuneful ditty is now heard in every drawing room and at every musicale in New York. The refrain has become a sort of catchword and points half the bits of repartee exchanged in the reports and repartee exchanged in the resorts and rendezvous of fashionable folk. A gloomy look or a somber air invariably brings forth the explanation that its cause is due to the circumstance that "daddy won't buy me a bowwow."-

-You are always sneering at women who talk too much. Are you hitting

at me? He—Not at all. There are lots of women besides you who talk too much. -Texas Siftings.

An action may be so clothed as to change its proper effect on people. With most of us a sugar coated vice seems preferable to a pepper coated virtue.

One of the most distinguished suicides in this country was the Hon. John Davis, speaker of the house of representatives from 1845 to 1847.

A Race on Stilts A race on wooden legs from Bordeaux to Biarritz and back, a distance of 303 miles, was begun yesterday. Eighty-one stilt runners, entered for this race, left the Hotel de la Gironde at 8 o'clock yesthe Hotel do la Gironde at 8 o'clock yes-terday morning, being "played off" by a brass band. They were accompanied by a party of bicyclists, whose duty was to see that fair play was observed. Among the racers was the Arcachon baker, Silvain Dornon, who traveled on stilts, or claimed to have done so, from Paris to Moscow. A quarter of an hour after the stilt racers had set out from Bordeaux a party of 18 women and young girls, also mounted on stilts, left Bordeaux for Cerans, having undertaken to run there and back, a distance of 50 miles, in the day.—Cor. London News.

A Suggestion About an Innovation The old French chateaux are serving as models for some of the beautiful country palaces of rich Americans. One not far from New York has, in true provincial style, the stables at one end of the long range of buildings which widens at the other into a noble banqueting hall. "All of which may be very 'old French,'" said a woman recently a guest there, "and there is no evidence of the union of the two portions of the establishment, but I could not help feeling that there was a chance, speaking broadly, of the fly in the dining room having very recently left the stalls of the horses."—New York Times.

Her Charitable View of It.

Mammy Church is an old negress who washes for a living, and who in the de livery of her patrons' goods has a good deal of hobbling around to do in all sorts of weather. The past winter overtaxed her patience, and the climax of her complainings was reached on Washington's birthday, when the tremendous storm of that day evoked the exclamation: "Nebber see de like er dis winter sence I wuz bo'n! Hit do erpear ter me dat de Lor done gittin ol an childish."-Boston

Prize For Letters of Rejection. A London weekly has made a new departure from the well worn path of competition. It offers a prize for the best letter of rejection, the writer being supposed to have the kindliest of feelings toward her suitor and to wish to retain him as a friend, although unable to accept his hand. Some inexperienced girl who never had an offer of marriage in her life will probably be winner in this contest. Such is Fate's irony.—Chicago Tribune.

Ready For the Eclipse.

The total eclipse of the sun, to occur in April, will, it is generally supposed, be one of the longest in duration of the present century. Extensive preparations are being made all over the world for its observation. One English party goes to Bathurst, Africa, and one to Pernambuco, Brazil: the Bureau des Longitudes, Paris, sends an expedition to Africa; Harvard college observatory will be represented at Arequipa, Peru, and the Lick observatory at a station in Chili. A

Farmers in Marin county, Cal., are complaining of a weed which the cows eat and which gives a peculiar taste to the milk, so much so that in some districts the milk is unpalatable.

It is reported that Melbourne is overflowed with men who want work but are unable to secure it.

Some think that Carlyle, while living the life of a student, was all the while dying to be something much more active.



Mrs. J. H. HORSNYDER, 152 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, Cal., writes:

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